

God of the universe, Father to us all, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

During these few days before the House breaks for the final weeks of the campaign, send us Your spirit of peace. Inspire the Members to complete their charge to promote the common good of our Nation. Comfort those who continue to suffer from the coronavirus, and protect those who labor still to treat the disease and bring an effective vaccine to the world.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CLINE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MUST BE FIXED

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, in the era of COVID-19, people are reliant on the United States Postal Service more than ever, a beloved American institution built on trust, reliability, and durability.

During the Presidential elections of 1864, 156 years ago, during the end of the Civil War, soldiers were mailed ballots, and they voted and returned those ballots via the United States Postal Service. There was no fraud.

Sadly and unbelievably, the United States Postal Service is being sabotaged from within. The Trump Postmaster has removed and destroyed 671 sorting machines nationally, including 5 of 20 from Buffalo. I inspected the Buffalo facility on September 9 and found priority mail delayed for more than a month—or longer.

The dedicated postal workers at the Buffalo facility report that the situation has worsened in the past few days. Mail is sitting on the floor. Five of 20 mail sorters were removed or destroyed.

Today I am calling on the Nation's Postmaster to fix and to restore all mail sorters to the Buffalo facility.

Our postal workers and letter carriers do great work for the American people. This administration needs to get out of the way and allow them to do their job, their good and honest public service.

### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. GIANFORTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark National Suicide Awareness Month.

Unfortunately, Montanans are all too familiar with the epidemic of suicide. As we have faced this ongoing public health and economic crisis, the demand for mental health services has grown.

In Gallatin County, my home, crisis response therapists have experienced a higher volume of calls. Each month they receive more calls than the last from people needing help. Centers throughout Montana are seeing similar increases.

To confront the greater demand for services and to help people in crisis, we must ensure access to necessary resources are available. One crucial resource is the national suicide hotline.

I am grateful to my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, for working with me to designate 988 as the hotline's number. I am proud of that bipartisan accomplishment.

Let's continue to provide these critical resources for those who need them the most and support them through their darkest hours.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MADELEINE BRENNAN

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Ms. Madeleine Brennan, a legend in Dyker Heights and a testament to the idea that great schools begin with great leaders.

For 50 years, Madeleine served as the principal of Dyker Heights Intermediate School, making her the longest serving principal in New York City history and perhaps the entire country.

She loved her job so much that even when her pension and 401(k) meant that she could make more money in retirement, she kept on working. That passion inspired many of her students to not only become teachers themselves, but to return to Dyker Heights Intermediate School to work on her staff.

Ms. Brennan passed away this past April, but her legacy lives on in the thousands of lives she influenced over the years. She will be dearly missed.

### CONGRATULATING NICOLE BERG

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, some may say that I am biased, but I firmly believe that Washington State is home to the best farmers in the world. Today I rise to congratulate one of those incredible farmers, my fellow Washingtonian, Nicole Berg, for her appointment to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation board of directors.

Nicole's experience as a fourth-generation farmer in central Washington has provided her with a strong, yet personal, understanding of the needs of family-run farms in the United States.

For many years, I have seen Nicole's passion for putting food on America's table. Her work with the National Association of Wheat Growers has been of immense benefit to the region and to the world. And there is no doubt in my mind that she will be a great asset to the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

I wish Nicole the very best as she enters this new chapter. Her appointment to the FCIC board of directors is well deserved, and I congratulate her on this fantastic achievement.

### HONORING AMERICANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO COVID-19

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the over 200,000 Americans who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and the over 7 million people who have been infected.

The pandemic has put great stress on our communities and wreaked havoc on our economy. Millions of Americans have lost their jobs and, with it, their health insurance.

During the pandemic, common sense would say we should strengthen our national healthcare system. President Trump and the congressional Republicans continue their assault on the Affordable Care Act, urging the courts to strike the law down.

The House has passed 340 bipartisan health bills. The Senate refuses to take them up.

The President signs executive orders that do nothing. They do not protect people with preexisting conditions or cover preventative medicine. The ACA does.

The President claims to have a healthcare plan to replace the ACA, but he only intends to release it after the election.

This is no way to govern. It is time to end the political stunts, to work across the aisle, and to get serious about the health of the American people.

### SUPREME COURT FIGHT IS ABOUT LIFE AND DEATH

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)